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*A Letter to the Citizens of London, concerning their Election of Members for the ensuing Parliament.*

Gentlemen,

**I** Am one in the Number of your Livery, and thereby entituled to an equal Share and Right in passing my Sense, and giving my Vote: And were it not too visible for some time past, how Parties and Divisions have been improving, I should not willingly occasion this Trouble. By the Printed Tickets which I have seen, you have made an extraordinary Choice, wherein the Right Honourable Sir *William Gore*, Lord Mayor, Sir *John Fleet*, Sir *Richard Levett*, and Sir *Charles Duncomb*, Knights and Aldermen, are not only named together, but, as I am credibly informed, have declared themselves most firm to each others Interest, and are mutually engaged for the publick Service.

Possibly there may be others in Nomination, that may be deserving, yet we can have but Four to represent this Great City; and where can we find Four better? One thing farther I beg Leave to observe to you, which affords me no small Comfort, and I doubt not but it will tend to yours in a greater measure; That by this wise and considerate Choice, you express your Inclinations to promote a Union and happy Understanding in so great a Body of People, which is so highly necessary at this Juncture of Affairs; for what was in Opposition to each other the last Election, appears now to be cemented, and heartily reconciled. *London*, the *Metropolis* of our Island, gives Laws, or at least Prescriptions to every Part inferior; Instance, the late Address; and should we not exemplify our selves in this most significant Point, certainly we shall injure the many Places that generally take Aim by our Conduct.

Gentlemen, When I consider how busy the World has been in Reflection, and continues in the same Unworthiness, it's not to be doubted but each Candidate which I have mentioned, may have been industriously decyphered in Character to their Disadvantage, if possible. However, their Merit and Worth, I hope, will be able to stem such an unbecoming Practice; and it cannot be imagined, that any disinterested Person will permit himself to be imposed upon.

Pardon me if I enlarge upon this Subject, and presume to say, that on observation, I have found Sir *Charles Duncomb* is the Person level'd at by a few designing Persons, and in justice to him and the Three Worthy Aldermen, that are joined with him, I think I ought to ask the proper Question, Why? Is it for his being so Generous in his Behaviour to this City, instance his Noble Shrievalty, instance his Benevolence, and abounding Publick Charity in relieving the Poor Prisoners, never heard of before, besides his many private and large Distributions? Is it for his being the only and forward Instrument of endeavouring to obtain a Court of Conscience to be Erected in the *Tower Hamlets*, and his resolution to promote the same the next Sessions, for the Benefit of the Oppressed? Is it from the assurance he has given to Serve this City, by declining all other Places where he might be chose? Is it from the discovery of the great Summs he has embark'd in this Government? Is it from his condemning the Fictitious Title of the Prince of *Wales*, and abhorring the Proceedings of the *French King*, and hearty desire to reduce his Exorbitant Power? Or, is it from his being so Zealous for his present Majesty King *William*, and Prosperity of the *English Nation*, against all its Opposers? These are such Motives in my Opinion, so far from countenancing any Man to decry a Patriot of his Country, that every one concerned ought to exert himself in Vindication of the same, as he tenders the Interest of the Nation and himself. That we may succeed in our sincere Desires, to answer the ends of this extraordinary Season, is the hearty and unfeigned Wish of

Gentlemen,

Your Brother and Servant

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